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1. [redacted] In response to his call last week, I talked with Ben Gilleas, on the staff of the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee, on the [redacted] case. I told him that the case was pending with our Director of Personnel, who had all the facts, and that I would expect a decision in the near future. I told him I would be in touch with him as soon as I learned of the outcome.

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2. [redacted] Spoke with Mr. Victor Zafra, BOB; Mr. Andrew Ruddock, CSC; and Robert Hull, Department of State, concerning BOB's recent request for Agency proposed legislation to implement the transfer of credit and minimum guaranteed benefit concepts. The outcome is that the Civil Service Commission is updating their legislative package on this subject and will keep it in a standby status subject to a more formal request by BOB. CIA and State action is necessarily tied to and should follow the Commission's. See memo for the record.

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3. [redacted] Reviewed with Mr. James Lowenstein, on the staff of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, the Director's response to a question relating to concentration of the United States and Soviet population contained in the transcript of the Director's briefing of 23 April. Mr. Lowenstein

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advised that the supplement of the information provided by Mr. [redacted] was more than adequate. No further action is required on this matter. See Journal item of 15 May.

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25X1A 4. [redacted] Received a call from Mr. [redacted] of [redacted] who advised that the Agency had not been in contact with his office since their meeting in March. After checking with Mr. [redacted] TSD, I advised Mr. [redacted] that clearances were in process for approval for contact with designated members of the Corporation and that Agency representatives would be back in contact upon completion of the clearance process. Mr. [redacted] expressed his appreciation for the advice and indicated that he would pass it on to Mr. [redacted] the Corporation president.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Victor Zafra, Bureau of the Budget,
and Mr. Andrew Ruddock, Civil Service Commission--
CIA Retirement Act Amendments

1. Based upon the statement yesterday by Mr. Andrew Ruddock, Civil Service Commission, I informed Mr. Victor Zafra, Bureau of the Budget, that I had been unable to contact anyone in CSC aware of BOB's request for legislative proposals on transfer of credit and minimum guaranteed benefits. Zafra assured me that he had contacted all major Federal staff retirement systems in this respect, agreed that we should coordinate with CSC, and suggested we check with Mr. James Spry, Executive Assistant to the Commissioners.

2. I reported this conversation to Mr. Andrew Ruddock, who after checking reported the following:

a. Zafra had called Spry and as a result they were looking at last year's proposal, would update and keep it ready pending a decision by the Administration on transmittal to the Congress.

b. The Commission is not against the transfer of credit and minimum benefit concepts in principle, but deferred the matter earlier in the year in recognition of higher priority needs.

c. A problem still to be faced by CSC is consultation with employee organizations in connection with their past opposition to certain features of the proposal.

I requested that Mr. Ruddock send a copy of the updated proposal to us, which he said he would do.

3. Later, Mr. Robert Hull, Department of State, called and I advised him of the above. Under the circumstances he indicated they, too, would await further developments from the Civil Service Commission before submitting the requested report to BOB.



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1. [REDACTED] Called Mrs. Ziebarth, in the office of Representative Henry Schadeberg (R., Wis.), and informed her that we have no record of an application for employment by [REDACTED] for whom she had previously called, but we had sent out the proper forms. Mrs. Ziebarth said she would so inform [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] Called Mr. Andrew Ruddock, Civil Service Commission, regarding BOB's request for legislative proposals to implement the transfer of credit and minimum guaranteed benefit concepts. He was surprised by BOB's action and said he was sure that BOB had not made this request of the Commission in connection with the Civil Service Retirement Act. See memo for the record.

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3. [REDACTED] Called Mr. Robert Hull, Department of State, and advised him of the outcome of the conversation with Mr. Ruddock, Civil Service Commission. It was agreed that neither the CIA nor Foreign Service retirement system should take the lead on transfer of credit or minimum guaranteed benefits and that we should relay this to Mr. Zafra, in BOB.

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4. [REDACTED] Attempted to reach Mr. Victor Zafra, Bureau of the Budget, but he had not returned the call by the close of the day.

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4. [redacted] Met with Mr. Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, and provided him with the most recent intelligence information on Soviet missile sites. I found Braswell had already been briefed by DIA on this but he appreciated our interest in trying to keep him up -to-date. I also advised Braswell of Senator Symington's request for information on Agency overseas installations. Braswell expressed concern about this but knew of no other way of dealing with the problem particularly in view of Senator Russell's position on the subject.

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5. [redacted] Talked with Mr. Braswell, at some length, regarding the Daniels bill and the possibility of an Administration proposal on transfer of credit as a substitute for it. He was very much interested in this but said he does not expect very fast action by the Congress on the Daniels bill and again stated his opinion that, if the Daniels bill passes the House, the provision for sick leave credit may well be deleted in the Senate. Furthermore, he sees no relationship between the transfer of credit proposals and the Daniels bill and, therefore, can not imagine that the transfer proposal could be considered as a substitute for the Daniels bill.

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6. [redacted] I advised Mr. Braswell of the most recent exchange of letters between Senator Ervin and the Director which resulted in our submission of proposed Agency amendments to S. 782. Braswell said he thought this was the right thing to do under the circumstances and suggested that we keep interested members of the Senate apprised of these developments.

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7. [redacted] Miss Evelyn Stilley, in the office of Representative Nick Galifianakis (D., N. C.), requested unclassified visual information on the Montagnards. I informed her that we would not normally deal with unclassified information on this subject, but offered to check to see if I could advise her on possible sources and did so later in the day, based on information supplied by [redacted] SAVA.

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8. [redacted] In the absence of Mr. Andrew Ruddock and Mr. Jack DeSipio, spoke with Mr. W. Brown, Civil Service Commission, and to the best of his knowledge the Commission has not yet received a request from BOB for legislative proposals to implement the transfer of credit and guaranteed minimum benefits concepts. It was agreed that I would try to get in touch with Mr. Ruddock when he returns to the city.

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6. [REDACTED] James Gehrig, Staff Director of the Senate Space Committee, expressed interest in the number of Soviet Generals who have died or who have been killed in the past few weeks. He was also interested in knowing whether we had seen Dr. Charles Sheldon's recent article (having to do with a comparison with U.S. and Soviet space programs) and what we thought of it. On the first question, I told Gehrig that while the number of deaths of Soviet Generals has been somewhat high in recent weeks it is not unusually so. I added I would drop by tomorrow and talk with him about this and the Sheldon article. 25X1

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7. [REDACTED] Made arrangements for [REDACTED] and me to meet with Mr. Pat Holt, of the Foreign Relations Committee staff, tomorrow to give him the briefing on insurgency in Latin America.

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8. [REDACTED] Returned to the Senate Armed Services Committee the transcripts of the DOD testimony before the Committee on 13 May.

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9. [REDACTED] Called Robert Hull, Department of State, and learned that BOB had requested them to provide legislative amendments to Foreign Service Retirement and Disability System to implement transfer of credit and minimum guaranteed concepts. It was agreed that leadership in this field should of necessity be the Civil Service retirement system and that our respective amendments would be dependent upon what was done by the Civil Service Commission in this field. 25X1

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